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Mr. Chairman and members of the House of Representatives: I am sending you a copy of an article in the Washington Post, dated September 13, 1962, which I believe is an accurate and reliable account of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and its deliberations on the subject of dismantlement of atomic weapons, particularly if there has been a change of administration in the interim. I trust that it will be of interest to you. I am sending a copy of the same article to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and I am enclosing a copy of the article for your consideration.

As you know, the Joint Committee has been particularly interested in the dismantlement of atomic weapons. Joint Committees have been established in each State to promote peaceful uses of atomic energy. The Joint Committee on Atomic Energy has been instrumental in the early success of these programs.

Please find enclosed a copy of the article by Bruce Parsons, dated September 13, 1962, in the Washington Post outlining what is considered to be the foreign policy decisions concerning the removal of America's bases in Turkey, England and Italy. Enclosed in this article is a statement:

John D. Carson

"Washington, D.C. (UPI)—Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko had agreed to the withdrawal of all nuclear weapons in Cuba, and soon only within the framework of overall disarmament to be determined in the United Nations . . . .

"McNamara's letter was drafted by Secretary Thompson, Soviet Ambassador to Moscow, during recent talks . . . but the letter was never sent."

The article concluded with the following statement:

"Within an interesting afternoon in that old Cuban city the already in the process of removal from England and Germany weapons database will be removed from Italy and Turkey sometime next year — unless they are held up by American congressional opposition. One hundred and 300 weapons in the Joint Chiefs of Staff area have survived thus."

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